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**APPROVED MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF
BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH
Burlington PD Community Room
Tuesday, October 12, 2010 5:30 PM**

Attendance: Ian, Fern, Alan, Bill, Linda, Mary, Jay, Absent: Dennis,

Public: Taylor LaFleur, Mark Larsen, Jennifer Green

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Galbraith at 5:35

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Approval of Agenda	Amended Order of Presentations	Approved
2. Approval of Minutes: September 14, 2010	Amended: Board cannot make laws, but it can write rules. Bosworth v. Boswell	Approved Amended Minutes
3. Healthy Lawns, Healthy Lives Project	Presenter: Taylor LaFleur – UVM student working on Healthy Lawns Lab Project which includes 2 Burlington households participating in non-pesticide use for lawns. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He is mediator; examines properties, makes diagnosis and sets up procedures.• Fall nutrient apps to be completed 2010 (Oct/Nov)	

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<p>4. Burlington Legacy Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taylor graduates in December. However, Prof. Sid Bosworth will get 3 students to continue with the project. Continuing to plan to maintain lawns & products and share information. • Blog site is developed, will consist of pictures and process steps. BFP article was done in the Spring. BFP desires to do a follow-up this Fall. • Working w/ UVM Extension program to develop fact sheets re: pests. Currently looking at grub infestation. • Whole process requires time from each household. • The physical work component was not part of the process. • Critical task is to get the lawn care established this Fall. <p>Q: In the future will attempts be made to locate more sites for guidance to be offered? A: Yes, through the UVM Extension Program.</p> <p>Chair, Ian Galbraith thanked Taylor LaFleur.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOH will support participation in this project as the State of VT allows that anything can be applied according to directions. • BOH has no enforcement ability. It is strictly voluntary to NOT use pesticides. <p>Future Student Project: Compile a list of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ management companies to educate them and those who are practitioners of healthy procedures. ○ applicators (private) who use non-toxins. <p>Director Ward: The Healthy Lawns Project can provide some documentation of successes that can be offered as an alternative when Code Enforcement does investigate a complaint *****</p> <p>Presenter Jennifer Green: Updating Legacy Project plan with a steering committee to make this happen. This was started under Mayor</p>	<p>Plans are to work w/ UVM Extension to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ continue with community open forums with multiple question - answer opportunities. Sharing ideas. ○ focus from the environmental impact perspective ○ address maintenance aspects <p>BOH/P.O.P.E. to set up some kind of work shop in the Spring with \$3,500 Linthelac Foundation funds</p>
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<p>5. Pesticide Ordinance Legislative Action</p>	<p>Clavelle w/ 100 citizens of Burlington coming together to create a vision for Burlington. This project will continue with stakeholders tracking and monitoring the community to reach the goals set forth in the plan.</p> <p>These goals address the sustainability of plans that impact the Environment, Economy, Equity and Education in Burlington. While the vision remains the same, the plan needs to be updated. Plan to obtain funds from Home Depot Foundation to get people together to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographics • Climate action plan <p>We want a clean environment and to maintain neighborhood integrity and historical uniqueness.</p> <p>19 people serving on the steering committee with Joe Spidell, and Ken Penrose as co-chairs.</p> <p>BOH member A. Sousie: Legacy Project is politically neutral and no matter who is in charge it moves forward, and goals are accomplishable. .</p> <p>Some goals have been achieved i.e. energy efficiency – BED</p> <p>Mission aligns with BOH Goal for clean drinking water and maintaining a clean lake. Wastewater plant overflowed 6 x. last year and there beach closings: *****</p> <p>Presenter Mark Larsen; VT Legislature Representative: Brainstorm session with BOH about different paths to take in regard to regulation of pesticide/herbicide use at municipal and state level.</p> <p>Anything is possible in revising regulations at Federal, State and Municipal levels.</p> <p>BOH – has authority to oversee within 500 foot buffer zone.</p> <p>State’s authority supersedes municipal authority (controlled by Fed Government & EPA).</p>	<p>Legacy Action Plan on Website: 2000 Old Website: Google “Burlington Legacy Project”</p> <p>Jennifer Green is coming back next month to tap into the ideas of BOH</p> <p>BOH: Check out K. Butler’s document.</p> <p>Legacy Project will create a community document and seek funding to show that the project has a longitudinal history.</p> <p>BOH Member A. Sousie will get document from State to Mark: re: political issues: Once legislature is reconvened with different committees, the city can begin to explore with legislators who would be interested and figure out from whom to gain support in order to address questions.</p> <p>BOH/POPE TASK: Develop and Implement plans to continue changing cultural attitude re: Pesticide Use</p>
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	<p>Need to examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amount of enforcement needed to impose the regulations. • impact on economics to State: Ag. Dept w/ BOH. – create a response. <p>Reviewed status of current municipal pesticide herbicide revised ordinance by BOH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance went before Safety Committee of City Council which recommended that BOH work with Dept. of Ag: (Jim Ireland) to look at the ordinance and see how far our ordinance could go. Currently, the City ordinance is more restrictive. There are inconsistencies with the State law. I.e. Utilities - exemption • (See March 2010 Minutes) • Powerful industries w/ powerful lawyers and the economic impact of any ordinance will regulate degree of legislative action. <p>Rep. Larsen: Just because powerful interests oppose doesn't mean that the legislature can't try. Historically, legislature has opposed changes to ordinance. There exists a tension between suburban/urban v. rural towns. There may be (or shall there be?) options for each municipality.</p>	<p>Rep. Larsen will report back on the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability of City to Prohibit/Regulate 2. Ability of City to Require Reporting 3. Proposed 2007 Pesticide/Herbicide Ordinance of State of VT 4. Addressing an administrative group to organize a committee of Burlington legislators to be monitoring this issue. 5. Feedback from the League of Cities and Towns on pesticide/herbicide use.
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6. Chairman's Report	<p>Status of Fluoride Resolution: BOH Chair Galbraith:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jared Wood, Maggie Gunderson did not return calls a couple of days ago. spoke to Councilman Ed Adrian, nothing has been forwarded to Council from PWC to the Safety Committee <p>BOH Members J. Voss & A. Sousie attended September PWC meeting and reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PWC is waiting for Paul Conant's new book. Public Safety subcommittee has failed to report anything to Public works Commission BOH perceives this as a stall tactic by subcommittee on the fluoridation issue. Questions if there is a conflict of interest as Lori Adams is quality assurance person. BOH's resolution is tabled and buried. City Council will make a proposal and a public or Council vote will be taken. Committees are ignoring BOH recommendations and the research conducted by the BOH. Councilors do not want to deal with this issue. Maggie, Jared & Lori said that the resolution is tabled. Until they act on it with their commission, nothing is going to happen. BOH is feeling disrespected by other members of the city government. 	<p>BOH ACTION: Attend ALL City Council meetings and voice concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How long can a resolution sit without action?
7. Action Items/Next Board Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising Chickens in Burlington Implement a plan for school inspections to address health issues related to recent rehabilitation of buildings. Spending the funds for POPE 	<p>BOH: Come with ideas on how to implement a plan for school inspections to address health issues related to recent rehabilitation of buildings.</p> <p>Next Meeting November 9th, 2010 - Contois</p>
8. Adjournment	7:30 PM	